

Remarks

In order to expedite issuance of this application, Claims 55, 67, 69, 72-77, 89-92 have been cancelled without prejudice to their filing in a continuation application to obtain claims of scope to which Applicant believes he is entitled.

Claims 61-67, 84-85, 87, and 95 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 62, 64, 84, 85, 87, and 95 have been rewritten with the limitations of their respective base claims, and thus are allowable. Claims 63 and 65 now depend on allowable Claims 62 and 64, respectively. Further, Claims 56-61, 68, 70, 71, and 86 have been amended to depend on allowable Claim 62, Claim 66 has been amended to depend on allowable Claim 64, and Claims 94, 96 and 97 have been amended to depend on allowable Claim 95. Claims 56, 63-66, and 87 have also been amended to clarify such claims and not to overcome any rejection. Claims 84, 85, and 95, which described “gamut operations that are invertible or reciprocal”, have been amended to read “gamut operations that are reciprocal”. Removed language “invertible” from Claims 84 and 95 is now present in dependent Claims 126 and 127. New Claims 124-125 depend on allowable base Claim 62. Accordingly, Claims 56-66, 68, 70, 71, 84-87, 94-97, and 124-127 are now allowable.

Claim 78 has been allowed.

Claims 80 and 93 have been amended to describe user preferences for color reproduction that the Examiner found allowable in Claim 62. Claims 81-83, and new Claims 100-105 and 106-114 depend on Claims 80 and 93, respectively. Therefore Claims 80, 93, and 100-114 should be allowable.

Claims 88 and 99 have been amended to describe reciprocal gamut operations that the Examiner found allowable in Claims 84, 85, and 95. Therefore, Claims 88 and 99 should be allowable.

Claim 98, as amended, describes the display of one or more characteristics of proofing or simulation of color reproduction. Since “means for displaying characteristics of color transformation” was found allowable in Claim 64, Claim 98 should also be allowable along with its new dependent Claim 128.

New Claims 115-120 have also been added to the Application. Independent Claim 115 describes a method for providing control to a user for processing color images

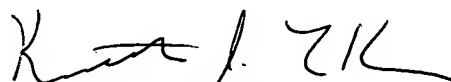
having the step of "outputting to said display one or more characteristics of said information for transforming at one or more sites". Thus, Claims 115 has similar language to that of Claim 64 found allowable by the Examiner. Accordingly, Claim 115 along with its dependent Claims 116-120 should be allowable.

New Claims 121-123 have also been added to the Application. Independent Claim 121 describes a method for controlling color reproduction having color transformations to expand gamut that are capable of being reciprocal. Since reciprocal gamut operations were found allowable in Claims 84, 85, and 95, Claim 121 and its dependent Claims 122-123 should be allowable.

Thus, each of the independent Claims 62, 64, 80, 84, 85, 87, 88, 93, 95, 98, 99, 115, and 121 of the Application has subject matter that the Examiner deemed allowable over the prior art in the Office Action of September 23, 2004. A notice of allowance is therefore respectfully requested. Enclosed is a petition for a one-month extension of time with a check for \$1,320.00 for the petition fee and amendment fee.

An Eighth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is also enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,



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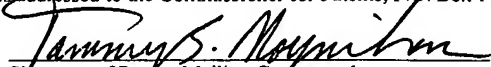
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Enclosures: Combined Amendment and Petition for Extension of Time with a Check for \$1,320.00;
Claim List; and
Eighth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement with 3 references.

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